

Dear Taylor Families:

Here it is October already. The first quarter grade reports give students and parents an idea of how well the student has transitioned. Checking the parent portal is a great way to make sure there are no surprises when grade reports come out. The Taylor Grading policy is posted on our website and is consistent with district recommendations for standards-based grading.

Taylor is proud of our teachers and programs, and we'd like to show them off. The annual "Parent Shadow Day" is scheduled for Wednesday, November 6th. Please use the following link [PARENT SHADOW DAY](#) for complete instructions, and a chance to schedule classes to shadow. We will have a window of two weeks, before the scheduling option closes. You will be asked to read the guidelines first, and accept them, before being able to schedule. This helps us plan for the additional people on campus and in specific classes.

Please note that parking may be a challenge, and you will need to plan on arriving early enough to find a spot. We also ask that if you will be here to spend a lunch period with your child, you consider that the lunch period is only 30 minutes, and we'd like to make sure all students have the chance to eat lunch and arrive on time to their next class. Consider bringing a bag lunch for both you and your child for that day. We hope to continue to make Shadow Day an annual event and look forward to your feedback. This year we will send you a survey link to help us improve the experience.

Finally, in keeping with our goal to increase student voice, we have started to convene random groups of students for "Table Talks" with the Principal. The students discuss general topics related to improving the school, students' perspectives and suggestions. We are learning a lot from listening to our kids and hope to use the information to continue to make Taylor a great place to be for students and staff.

Enjoy the week off for October break!

Thanks for all you do to support Taylor.

*Mrs. Piraino*